• • • PRACTICE TEST QUICK START GUIDE





1. Introduction

Students in grades 3 through high school may take practice tests in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies to help prepare them for the LEAP 2025 statewide tests administered later in the school year. The practice tests allow students to do the following:

- become familiar with the testing format
- practice using the online tools for computer-based tests
- respond to some of the types of questions they may find on the LEAP 2025 tests

Paper-based practice tests (PBT) for grade 3 are available in the Practice Test Library of the Department's website. Paper versions of all of the practice tests are available in the DRC INSIGHT Portal by selecting General Information—

Documents—Teacher Access—Show Documents. The school or district test coordinator can help users if they do not have access to this part of the portal. Computer-based practice tests (CBT) for grades 3 through high school are administered through the Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) INSIGHT testing platform.

It is recommended that teachers download the paper versions and use the practice test guidance found in the <u>Practice</u> <u>Test Library</u> to incorporate the content into their classroom instruction and assessments throughout the school year.

2. Practice Test Guidance

Teachers should use the <u>English language arts</u>, <u>mathematics</u>, <u>science</u> and <u>social studies</u> Practice Test Guidance documents posted in the <u>Practice Test Library</u> to better understand how the practice tests can be used to support instructional goals, rather than as isolated test prep. To help inform instructional use throughout the school year, the guidance documents include the following sections:

- How to Use and Not to Use
- Interpreting and Using Results
- Scoring Activity/Annotated Student Responses
- Resources

Teachers may access the online practice tests by copying and pasting the teacher access link into Google Chrome: https://wbte.drcedirect.com/LA/#portal/la/510848/ott/8/username/password/false. Below are the user names by content area and grade level. The password for all content areas, grades, and courses is teach2025.

ELA Teacher Access		Math Teacher Access		Social Studies Teacher Access		Science Teacher Access	
Grade or	User	Grade or	User	Grade or	User	Grade or	User
Course	Name	Course	Name	Course	Name	Course	Name
3	ela03	3	math03	3	ss03	3	sci03
4	ela04	4	math04	4	ss04	4	sci04
5	ela05	5	math05	5	ss05	5	sci05
6	ela06	6	math06	6	ss06	6	sci06
7	ela07	7	math07	7	ss07	7	sci07
8	ela08	8	math08	8	ss08	8	sci08
English I	eng1	Algebra I	alg1	IIC History	ushist	Biology	bio
English II	eng2	Geometry	geo	US History			

3. Online Administration

The eDIRECT User Guide provides directions on how to prepare for the online administration of the practice tests. The following tasks need to be completed in DRC INSIGHT prior to administering the practice tests:

- Transfer and add students
- Assign and view accommodations
- Create test sessions

- Generate and print test tickets
- Review resources in DRC INSIGHT

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4. Scoring

General Scoring Information

The online practice tests are scored using a combination of automated and teacher scoring. Selected-response items (e.g., multiple choice, multiple select, and evidence-based), technology-enhanced items, and fill-in-the-blank responses are automatically scored by the online system; however, responses to constructed- and extended- response items are scored by teachers. The DRC INSIGHT Portal User Guide explains how teachers access and use the Educator Scoring application in DRC INSIGHT to score student responses. Prior to using the Educator Scoring application, teachers should retrieve the scoring rubrics from the answer key documents, found in the Practice Test Library or DRC INSIGHT under Documents in the General Information tab. All items on the paper versions of the practice tests are scored by teachers using the answer keys.

Answer Keys

The grade-level and content area answer keys are available in <u>DRC INSIGHT</u> and in the <u>Practice Test Library</u>. The answer keys include answers to all item types, alignment information, and rubrics for scoring the constructed- and extended-response items. Direct links to the practice test answer keys are in the table below.

ELA Answer Keys		Mathematics Answer Keys		Social Studies Answer Keys	Science Answer Keys
Grade 3 PBT	Grade 3 CBT	Grade 3 PBT	Grade 3 CBT	Grade 3	Grade 3
Grade 4		Grade 4		Grade 4	Grade 4
Grade 5		<u>Grade 5</u>		Grade 5	Grade 5
Grade 6		<u>Grade 6</u>		Grade 6	Grade 6
Grade 7		Grade 7		Grade 7	Grade 7
Grade 8		<u>Grade 8</u>		Grade 8	Grade 8
Engl	ish I	<u>Algebra I</u>		<u>US History</u>	<u>Biology</u>
<u>Engli</u>	ish II	Geometry			

5. Reporting

Reports will generate in the DRC INSIGHT portal within 24 hours of the completion of at least one test session. DTCs or STCs wishing to issue reports without completing all sessions must log-in to eDIRECT and select the "End Incomplete Test Session" button inside of the test session tab before printing. This allows teachers and schools to use reports to support the instructional use of practice tests detailed in the Practice Test Guidance documents posted in the Practice Test Library. Only one test session within a practice test needs to be completed for reports to generate. Additionally, educator scoring does not need to be completed for reports to generate. Reports will refresh nightly after the initial posting to reflect any changes in test session completion and/or educator scoring.

The Report Delivery Menu of the DRC INSIGHT Portal User Guide explains how to access the online practice test reports in <u>DRC INSIGHT</u> and gives an explanation of the reports provided. There are no student or test session summary reports for practice tests. The following reports are available for practice test assessments:

- Test Session Response Map
- Student Response Map
- Data .csv File

For technical questions about online test setup, please contact Louisiana Customer Service at 888-718-4836 or LAHelpDesk@datarecognitioncorp.com. For questions relating to all other aspects of Louisiana assessments, please call the Assessment Hotline at 844-268-7320 or email assessment@la.gov.

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